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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK VISIT

1. EXIMBANK TEAM COMPRISED OF DEPUTY V.P. THOMAS MORAN,
LOAN OFFICER PHILIP DUNTON AND ECONOMIST CHARLES HAMMOND
PLANNING TO VISIT JIDDA AND RIYADH, ARRIVING JIDDA
JANUARY 22 AT 0210 ON SAUDI FLIGHT 744 FROM KHARTOUM,
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DEPARTING JIDDA ON JANAURY 23 AT 1900 FOR RIYADH ON SAUDIA
FLIGHT NO. 712 ARRIVING JANUARY 23 AT 2020 AND DEPARTING
RIYADH ON JANUARY 25 AT 1030 FOR KUWAIT ON SAUDIA FLIGHT
NO. 726. MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS NEW
PROJECTS IN THE SUDAN, NORTH YEMEN AND OTHER LDCS WITH
SAUDI FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY
OF PARALLEL FINANCING OR SAUDI GUARANTEES FOR THESE
PROJECTS.

2. IN JIDDA, TEAM WOULD HOPE TO CALL ON OFFICIALS OF THE ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK TO INCLUDE MOHAMMED SAMATER WITH WHOM WE HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. IN RIYADH, WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH SAUDI DEVELOPMENT FUND (POSSIBLY MR. MAHSOUN JALAL), THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE ARAB INVESTMENT CO. AND WITH APPROPRIATE SAUDI OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE SAUDI - SUDAN NILE RIVER WATER

PIPELINE PROJECT (POSSIBLY THE MINISTRY OF WATER). WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING THESE APPOINTMENTS AND ANY OTHERS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE, TIME PERMITTING.

3. WOULD EMBASSY PLEASE ALSO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THREE SINGLES WITH BATH AT A FIRST CLASS HOTEL IN JIDDA AND AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN RIYADH. WE WILL CONTACT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS, NEW YORK TO ENSURE THESE RESERVATIONS BUT EMBASSY SHOULD ACTUALLY MAKE THEM. TEAM MEMBERS WILLING TO SHARE ROOM IF NECESSARY. ALSO, PLEASE CONFIRM OUTGOING RESERVATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE ABOVE ITINERARY. VANCE

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